



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Makoto Kai et al.  
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Title: Discharge Lamp and Lamp Unit, and Method for Producing Lamp Unit  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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